

BUILD SKILLS

Emily Dickinson's Poetry

LITERARY ANALYSIS

Poets use rhyme to create pleasant musical sounds and to unify groups of lines. **Exact rhyme** occurs when two words have identical sounds in their final accented syllables. In **slant rhyme**, the final sounds are similar but not identical.

Exact rhyme: glove/above

Slant rhyme: glove/prove

Dickinson used both types of rhyme in her poetry. As you read her poems, look for her uses of rhyme and consider the effects they create.

READING STRATEGY

Poets often link concepts such as love and death to images, or word pictures. It is helpful to **analyze images** to clarify the poet's message. As you read Dickinson's poems, use the chart below to connect images with abstract ideas.

Image	Abstract Idea